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Applicant : Bradley et al.

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Title : ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE AND METHODS FOR ARRAY-BASED  
ANALYSIS OF BIOLOGICAL MOLECULES

Commissioner for Patents

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Form PTO-1449, being submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks and references set forth herein.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- copy of Form PTO-1449
- Postcard
- copy of the International Search Report
- copies of cited references
- copy of response to restriction requirement

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**REMARKS**

Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed. A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application is also enclosed.

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This statement is being filed before a first Office action on the merits. Also, I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the communication being dated March 28, 2002, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

This submission is the second supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The initial IDS and PTO FORM 1449 were submitted September 19, 2001. The first IDS was submitted February 13, 2002.

Applicants note that they responded to the Election Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed December 26, 2001, on February 6, 2002, and, for the Examiner's convenience, a copy is attached herein.

Applicants believe that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is a supplemental submission to the IDS filed on the merits. However, if a fee is required

for this submission, it is necessary to prepay the fee in the amount of \$130.00.

Overpayment to the above-noted Deposit Account.

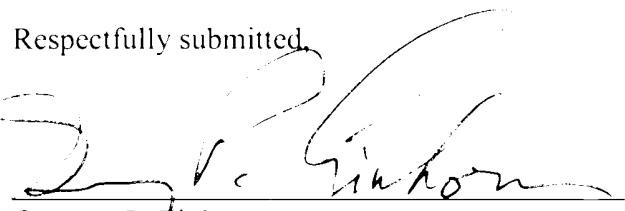
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858 678 5070.

Respectfully submitted,

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